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LETTER DATED 1 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you, herewith, the French and English texts of the statement on Liberia issued by the European Community and its member States on 29 September 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Statement issued on 29 September 1993 on Liberia

The Community and its member States welcome the agreement concluded at Cotonou on 25 July 1993 between the Liberian parties during the summit of heads of State and government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The Community and its member States support the efforts made in this connection by the United Nations Organization and the Organization of African Unity.

The Community and its member States encourage all the Liberian parties to apply the Cotonou agreement in good faith and take part, in accordance with the conditions laid down, in the provisional institutions responsible for administering the country before the elections. They take note of the decision to extend the participation in the Military Observer Group (ECOMOG) to other African States and express their hope that such decisions will be implemented swiftly.

The Community and its member States are pleased to note the inclusion of humanitarian aid in the process of a return to peace. They welcome the fact that the principles relating to this in the Cotonou agreement are being implemented and would urge that adequate arrangements be made to allow aid to reach all Liberians in all regions of the country by the most direct routes.

Finally, the Community and its member States confirm that they are prepared to consider when the time comes what assistance they will be able to provide in the context of the process of a return to peace in Liberia.